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There are absolutely no facilities for the disinfection of articles injured by steam, such as books, trunks, papers, curios, etc. In the past the practice has been to steam all textile fabrics among the passengers' personal effects, using no precautions for the above-mentioned articles.

Believing that rats are a source of great danger, coming in contact with cargo as it is taken aboard, I have advised the disinfection of steamers with sulphur prior to taking on freight.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. KERR,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COLOMBIA.

Report from Bocas del Toro—Fruit port.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *November 15, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended November 14, 1900, the following-named vessels were inspected, clearing for ports in the United States. Triplicate copies of the United States Marine-Hospital certificates, numbering 3, attached to the United States bills of health, are herewith inclosed.

November 10, steamship *Porto Rico*, American; Dalton, master; crew, 27; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.; steamship *Bodo*, Norwegian; Jullum, master; crew, 15; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala. November 12, steamship *Simon Dumois*, Norwegian; Nieuwejaar, master; crew, 15; no passengers; cargo, fruit; for Mobile, Ala.

Two deaths have occurred during the past week, 1 colored child from fever, in the town of Bocas del Toro, and the other at Macca Hill, near the town, a Norwegian adult, from pernicious anæmia.

All the recent cases of yellow fever are progressing favorably, and there are no additional cases to be reported since November 7.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon—Fruit port.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *November 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for week ended November 10, 1900. The following vessels have cleared from this port:

Date.	Vessel.	Master.	No. of crew.	Destination.	Number of passengers.	Number pieces baggage disinfected.
Nov. 5	Steamship <i>Athos</i>	Lund.....	38	New York.....
Nov. 8	Steamship <i>Anselm</i>	Brown.....	37	New Orleans, La.....	11
Nov. 10	Steamship <i>Alabama</i>	Severtsan.....	17do.....	0	0

The case of yellow fever in Port Limon, reported by cable October 31, is now convalescing. Since the death of the captain of steamship *Adler*, on November 1, there have been no new cases. This vessel has been disinfected by local authorities and is still in quarantine. Two

deaths in Port Limon during the week as follows : November 5, an adult, 40 years of age, from pneumonia, and November 9, an adult, 40 years of age, from paralysis.

Respectfully,

J. GREY THOMAS,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, November 19, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended November 17, 1900, 19 deaths have occurred in this city from the following causes: Pernicious fever, 3; paludism, 2; tuberculosis, 2; wounds, 2; arterial esclerosis, 1; congenital debility, 1; enteritis, 1; no contagious diseases reported; abdominal hemorrhage, 1; intestinal colic, 1; Bright's disease, 1; old age, 1; heart disease, 1; uræmia, 1; mitral insufficiency, 1; death rate for week 24.76.

Health of city and vicinity excellent. Weather dry and cool. The collector of customs requested the use of the steam launch at this station, to convey Secretary Root and General Wood to visit the city of Rhodas on the 16th instant, which I accordingly placed at his disposal.

Sixteen vessels have entered this port; 16 vessels have been issued bills of health; 2 immigrants have been inspected and allowed to land; 57 health certificates to passengers leaving this port and 87 pieces baggage have been inspected and passed; 13 pieces baggage arriving from Havana, destined for ports between this and Santiago, disinfected during the week; 8 pieces baggage arriving from Havana, destination Santiago, were labeled to be disinfected at Santiago; 37 pieces baggage from Havana, destined for Cienfuegos, inspected and passed.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 3 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases. He at the same time laments the good health of that city and thinks it would be a good place to establish a sanitarium for acclimatization, for the doctors have not enough work to keep them occupied. Inspected 6 vessels at that port during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths at that port during the week; no contagious diseases existing. Health of port good. Six vessels were inspected.

Respectfully,

F. E. TROTTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Inspection of immigrants at Cienfuegos during the week ended November 17, 1900.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, November 19, 1900.

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers at this port during the week ended November 17, 1900: November 12, Spanish steamship *Nieta*, from Liverpool, for Spain, and West Indies, with 1 Welsh immigrant. November 13, steamship *Folsjo*, from Guanta, South America, with 1 German immigrant.

Respectfully,

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